

Government approve of an American commission unless France and Germany were willing to accept it. That Washington has informally suggested arbitration to France appears certain, but the suggestion did not involve the thought of the assumption by this Government of the role of umpire.

It is said that France has countered with an inquiry as to what guarantees she would have that Germany would pay any sum decided on. The Administration is believed to regard the present status of the discussion so delicate as not to warrant comment or explanation.

Silence, however, does not mean ebbing confidence by officials. Obstacles are being encountered, and it may be said that everything depends on whether France is willing that reparations be taken out of politics and adjusted by experts after a study of the situation. That she is getting more and more ready to do so is the belief.

BERLIN WOULD PICK INDEMNITY ARBITERS

Officials Deny Request for U. S. Business Men to Act Is Contemplated.

FAVOR OUTSIDE OFFER

Cuno Prepares Proposal to Fix Reparations to Submit to Premier's Council.

INDUSTRY BACK OF MOVE

Germans Have No Hope of Early Financial Assistance From America.

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Government officials when asked today regarding the London dispatch which said that a group of Germans headed by Chancellor Cuno had asked the United States to appoint a commission of American business men to fix a new basis for the payment of reparations, intimated that such a step was not contemplated, but that the New York Herald correspondent was told that, should such a project be suggested from elsewhere, Germany would consider it favorably.

"The appointment of such a commission would be a step forward," one official said. "It is in line with our policy to have the reparations situation examined by neutrals and even by representatives of the United States."

This attitude is that of many party leaders who advocate an investigation of Germany's conditions by a commission of business men, but by one picked by Germany herself.

These leaders insist that the proposed commission should represent only countries which have not a party to the Versailles treaty. Some insist it have an equal number of German members.

Der Tag, a Nationalist paper, says that the Nationalist party is not opposed to an investigation, but that no estimate of Germany's ability to pay is possible until the occupation troops are withdrawn.

Meanwhile the press is endeavoring to show that France is trying to block any favorable action by America and is pointing out that the danger of an invasion of the Ruhr has become more imminent.

Much space is given to the rumor that Cuno has been asked to agree to a proposal for the seizure of the Rhine-Ruhr customs to be submitted to the Premier's conference in Paris on January 2.

The situation is aggravated by the new note from the allied Ambassadors demanding full compliance with its decision as to the Passau and Insurrection. So intense is the feeling here that besides the 1,000,000 gold marks already paid, an apology from Germany, containing an apology from the Emperor and from the Kaiser, and a local government of Passau and Insurrection should be furnished. The Berlin Government insists that it has gone as far as it can to satisfy the original demands.

Cuno Consults Business Leaders.

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Associated Press).—The reparations plan with which Chancellor Cuno and his advisers are working will not be based, it is announced, on any assumption of early active financial intervention by the United States.

The Chancellor has been conferring with business and labor leaders and it is assumed that the revised program for presentation to the Premier at the Paris conference will suggest that a permanent solution of the reparations problem should be arrived at and a definite sum should be named.

Chancellor Cuno is encouraged by the business leaders and by the sentiment in other quarters that Germany is able to pay.

Just how far the German reparations proposals will consider outside financial relief in return for the new offers is not indicated, nor is anything known of the guarantees or securities which Germany proposes to pledge. The Chancellor, however, is optimistic regarding the outlook for an internal loan.

Meanwhile the internal economic situation is growing worse. The output for the first half of December exceeds 214,000,000 marks and it is estimated that the output for the second half at the end of the year will be more than 1,000,000,000 marks. On account of the collapse of holiday business the situation in retail business is unfavorable.

IRISH WOMEN PROTEST EXECUTIONS TO HARDING

Ask if U. S. Will Permit Them While Indignant at Turkey.

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Associated Press).—An appeal from several Irishwomen was cabled from here today, to avoid Dublin censorship, to President Harding, protesting against "the executions of prisoners of war" in Ireland. "Will America stand for this while indignant at Turkish atrocities?" the message says.

It was signed by Margaret Pearce, mother of Patrick H. Pearce, chosen first President of the "Irish Republic" and executed in 1916; Alice Ceannt, widow of Commander James Ceannt, killed in the 1916 rebellion; Miss Mary MacSwiney, and Mrs. Mary Mellowes, mother of Liam Mellowes, executed by the Free State.

GERMAN PAPERS IN CHINA.

First to Be Published There Since the War.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21.—The Deutsche China Nachrichten (German China News), which recently made its appearance in Shanghai, is said to be the first German newspaper published in China since the war.

The first issue announced that an outstanding aim will be to promote German trade and foster good will toward Germany and Germany. Wolfgang Richter is owner and editor and Sze-Fang is Chinese editor.

FOUND ANYTHING? If so, see if it is advertised in the Lost and Found column of to-day's New York Herald.

BRITISH PRESS COOL TO GERMAN REPARATIONS BID

'Daily Mail' Calls Berlin's Proposal Propaganda, While 'Times' Says Suggestion That Americans Fix Basis Does Not Warrant Serious Consideration.

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Friday).—The Daily Mail sees in the proposal of an American business men's commission to visit Germany and investigate her ability to pay merely "a plot of German propagandists" aiming to get payments to France and Great Britain scaled down.

"When the sentimentalists have been completely hoaxed regarding Germany's resources and the reparations terms fixed at some absurdly low figure," says the Mail, "then the vast German plants will be set working at full speed to drive British and French trade from every market."

It would certainly be a cruel injury to the whole British nation if German reparations were scaled down while Great Britain was required to pay what is equivalent to a gigantic indemnity to the United States.

The paper urges Great Britain to "take the line" and not to be deceived by the German financial editor, approving the project, says:

"At best, the fixation of the definite sum Germany is able to pay will be largely a matter of guesswork, but we ought to take pains to get the best possible guess. The work of the commission would be greatly facilitated if Germany were to agree to a discount."

CAPITULATIONS BAR DISSENSION IN FARM BLOC IS INCREASING

Turks Refuse to Consider Restoration and Sub-Committee Gives Up Task.

By LAURENCE HILLS.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD, LAUSANNE, Dec. 21.—Another serious deadlock appeared on the conference horizon today when the sub-committee on capitulations sent in their report to the full commission with the confession that they had to suspend work as an agreement was impossible between the Turks and the Allies.

While the Allies realize that the old system of capitulations is out of date, they feel that some kind of a judicial system should be instituted in Turkey to guarantee the rights of foreigners and their privileges. The Turks on the other hand claim the institution of such a regime would be another grave infringement of their sovereignty and refuse flatly to consider it further.

"Our judicial system," they say, "has just been reorganized; it is the equal of any in the world and is above all suspicion."

In the opinion of the Allies a very serious situation is arising, as it is well known that big trading companies both in Smyrna and Constantinople already have announced that they would be obliged to close their doors if European courts did not protect their rights. But despite the efforts of Baron Hayashi of Japan, who took part in the discussion and pointed out that in the case of Japan it would take twenty years to replace the present system of capitulations, the Turks refused to budge from their original position.

An exceedingly stormy session, also was held by the committee on minorities, ending with an exchange of bitter words between ex-Premier Venizelos of Greece and Riza Nur, the Turkish delegate. So intense was the feeling here that the President of the committee, Signor Montanari, decided to suspend the sitting, saying as he did so, "I am sorry to report that the session has ended in a deadlock."

Elsewhere in the conference little was achieved today, and it looks more and more as if the deadlock will be reached on all important questions and that they will have to be settled by threats from the Allies as was the straits problem yesterday.

At 7 o'clock Lord Curzon had a long talk with Camille Barrere, the French delegate, and Marquis Garroni, the Italian delegate, and it is believed that the question of capitulations was taken up by the three leaders with a view of sending a vigorous note to the Turks on this question.

LLOYD GEORGE JUST CATCHES HIS TRAIN

Pushed Into Car by Friends as He Starts on Holiday.

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After the majority of the members of the party had either canceled or postponed their departure, David Lloyd George himself almost missed the train starting him off for a sunny holiday in Algeria today. He walked from his home to Victoria Station and apparently miscalculated the time, for he reached the platform only half a minute before he was to leave.

At the private car there had gathered a delegation of the faithful to give Mr. Lloyd George a send-off, but they had no time to see him, much less to shake hands. He was literally "pushed" up the steps by a private detective. Then seeing the rough face of his daughter, Megan, he jumped down again, clasped her in his arms and kissed her, whereupon the police, the trainmen and the faithful friends all joined in getting him back upon the already moving train.

A storm on the Channel delayed Mrs. Lloyd George and Megan to defer their departure. Sir William Sutherland was unable to leave because of the illness of his wife, and only Herbert Morrison, a friend of the family, his two children, John Davies and Miss Stevenson, a secretary, accompanied the former Prime Minister. Lord Birkenhead, with his tennis racket, and Winston Churchill will join Mr. Lloyd George soon.

HAGUE JURISTS ADJOURN.

Take Recess to January 22 After Compiling Aircraft Markings.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The International Commission of Jurists, studying revision of war laws at The Hague, adjourned today to January 22, says a Reuters dispatch. It has compiled markings for aircraft of the various nations.

The subcommittee will work during the vacation on reports.

TEXTILE WORK DISPLAYED.

Fundamental processes of the textile art, the same in principle as those followed by hand 1,600 years ago in making Chaldean's famous asbestos cloak, or the asbestos naphin found by Marco Polo in the hands of the Great Khan of Tartary, will be reproduced today in the windows of John Mackay, Inc., Madison avenue and Forty-first street. There will be shown a carding machine for shredding crude asbestos fiber and a spinning mule for twisting the fiber into yarn.

TALE OF MILLIONS TO CARE FOR ANIMALS

A French Woman Relates Story of Boston Millionaire's Big Heart.

BORROWED ON HOPES

Photograph of Will Was Security for Loans by Paris Banker.

BENEFACTOR'S DEMANDS

Inspect World's Zoos and See Animals He Had Donated Were Cared For.

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An amazing story that she is heiress to the billion franc estate of a "William Fair" Heller of Boston, but had not yet claimed it owing to the fact that she has not yet received an official transcript of the Boston death register, was told in a Paris court today by a Mme. Marcel Leon Tardi. She appeared to explain the nonpayment of 20,000 francs that she had borrowed on the strength of a photograph of Heller's will.

The will itself, Mme. Tardi claims, was deposited in a safety vault here, following receipt from Heller's cousin, Wilbur Heller, said to be an official of the Ryerson Steel Company, who is named therein as executor.

Scheherazade never told anything more absorbing than Mme. Tardi's story, or as full of possibilities, which the police as well as Mme. Tardi's creditors seem inclined to disbelieve, though they admit they have received no details from Boston or elsewhere proving Mme. Tardi either the victim of a hoax or purposely mystifying her creditors.

According to her story today Mme. Tardi met Heller in 1920, while the latter was touring the Riviera in his private yacht, "Old Chap," which is reported to be in Boston now. For some unexplained reason Heller is said to have conceived a particular friendship with the French woman, writing her frequently after his departure for the United States, as well as initiating a correspondence in which the names of such well known Americans as Vanderbilt, Morgan and Ford often appear.

In August of last year came news of Heller's death and a few weeks later a letter signed "Wilbur Heller" was received, declaring that his cousin had cut off all other relatives, leaving his entire fortune to his French friend. Only one condition was involved—the beneficiary must promise to travel all over the world seeing that the animals placed in various parks by Heller were receiving proper attention.

Not having enough money for such a voyage, and wanting to live up to the standard to which she was entitled by the wealth from America, Mme. Tardi said she borrowed 20,000 francs of a banker friend, who seeing the photograph of the will believed he was dealing with a potential millionaire.

When repayment was not forthcoming suit was filed for recovery. The original of the will has not yet been produced, and Mme. Tardi says it will not be until Heller's sister arrives from Africa when she hopes to effect a compromise by turning it over to the Heller family, relinquishing her claim to the entire billion franc estate bequeathed by the benevolent Bostonian.

GEDDES WILL INSPECT ELLIS ISLAND THURSDAY

To Visit Immigration Station With Davis.

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Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador, will inspect the Ellis Island immigration station Thursday in company with Secretary of Labor Davis.

The invitation followed a protest by the British Government against the treatment of British subjects at Ellis Island. It was requested that British subjects be segregated. Mr. Davis felt the best answer was a view of how immigrants are handled at the island.

Christmas Day

VENIZOS IN WORDY WAR WITH TURK ENVOYS

Blames Moslems for Deportations and Military Disaster.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 21 (Associated Press).—A violent altercation took place at a meeting of the sub-committee on minorities today, between the former Greek Premier, Venizelos, and the Turkish delegate, Riza Nur Bey, over the question of responsibility for Greek deportations in Asia Minor, necessitating adjournment of the session.

Riza Nur Bey declared that the Greek army was not so much responsible for the recent military disaster as was Venizelos, who had incited the idea of "a military invasion of Anatolia."

Venizelos delivered a bitter indictment against the Turkish army and the Turkish delegates assert, the chairman was obliged repeatedly to call him to order.

Riza Nur Bey eventually got the floor and defended Turkey and then made a personal attack on the former Greek premier.

LANGUAGE DISPUTE EXCITES BELGIANS

Parliamentary Crisis Due Over University Issue.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 21.—The Chamber of Deputies' recent vote making Ghent University a Flemish institution has stirred up much excitement over the language question. There has been a strong reaction against the Flemish, and a wave of whoopery is declared to threaten Belgium's unity.

It is expected that the Senate will amend the Chamber vote on the university, thus provoking a Parliamentary crisis.

Report Reparations Offer of 20 Billion Marks Gold

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Dr. Theodor Meißner, banker of Hamburg and one of Germany's delegates to the Versailles peace conference, has gone to Paris, where he will submit to the French Government fresh reparations proposals, says a Central News dispatch from Berlin, quoting the Lokai Anzeiger as its authority. The proposals, the dispatch adds, will include a project for the payment of 20,000,000,000 gold marks in a lump sum.


SENATE COMMITTEE IS FOR NEW NAVAL PARLEY

Wants Conference to Limit Smaller Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Navy appropriation bill, with the House provision requesting the President to call another naval armament conference to limit construction of vessels under 10,000 tons, was reported today to the Senate.

The bill carries cash appropriations of \$295,604,000, an increase of \$1,737,000 over the House, and authorizes transfer of \$55,000,000 additional from unexpended miscellaneous funds to the new construction fund, which was left at \$55,000,000 by the Senate Appropriations Committee without change from the

House authorization. The bill, as reported to the Senate, exceeded the budget bureau's requests by about \$450,000. Of the committee increases \$1,000,000 was added to the \$2,000,000 fund for the new naval reserve corps and \$550,000 additional provided for torpedo construction.



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